

Minutes of the  
Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting  
January 7, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2016, in the Dodge County Highway building.

**ROLL CALL:** The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Jeff Berres, and William Muche. Randy Grebel was absent. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, County Board Chairman Russell Kottke, and Jeff Schmitt were also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Muche and seconded by Caine to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

**REVIEW MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2015:** Minutes of December 17, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jeff Schmitt discussed some Drainage District #1 updates with the Committee.

**STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS:** WCHA is seeking a new Highway Committee member to represent the South Central District on the Board of Directors. This will be considered after the April County Board meeting.

Field shared a current Journal Sentinel article from County Administrator Mielke addressing the ongoing skilled construction labor workforce shortage and rising wage issues.

The new triaxle truck chassis from Madison Truck Sales do not meet the Dodge County specifications. Department staff will seek options for resolution of this concern.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Kottke and Berres reported on the recent meeting of a Dodge County municipal leaders group.

**PROJECT UPDATES:** Corporation Counsel is scheduling a closing on the St. Matthew's property purchase in Neosho for Highway shop expansion.

Crews have been involved in anti-icing activities as well as plowing and salting operations.

**REVIEW ATV-UTV ACCESS ON CTH'S DRAFT POLICY:** Corporation Counsel continues to review the draft policy and ordinance. No action was taken.

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**EMINENT DOMAIN CONCERNS:** Field will continue to monitor and update the Committee on the status of a bill in State legislature pertaining to adverse possession of public lands.

**CTH M RIGHT-OF-WAY CONCERNS:** Existing right-of-way boundaries on CTH M adjacent to property owned by Norb Kreuziger were discussed. It was the consensus of the Committee that no action be taken.

**SURPLUS SALT STORAGE OPTIONS:** Numerous stockpile storage options were discussed. Staff will continue to gather information for surplus salt storage and monitor the salt inventory as the winter season progresses.

**ASSIGN RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CTH YY (STH 49 – N. CO. LINE):** Motion by Johnson and seconded by Caine to assign Johnson and Muche to review and recommend right-of-way purchase offers and to assign the balance of the Committee to consider and approve recommendations for purchasing right-of-way adjacent to CTH YY (STH 49 – N. Co. Line). Motion carried.

**DISCUSS FUNDING OPTIONS FOR NEOSHO SATELLITE SHOP REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** Field presented a timeline for various County Board Committee meetings, the bid opening schedule, and the concept of presenting a resolution to the County Board in March for approval to borrow funds for the Neosho shop replacement project.

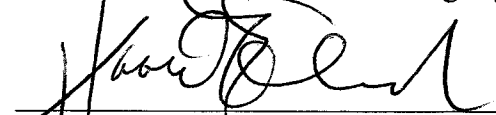
**REVIEW PAYMENT REGISTERS:** Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

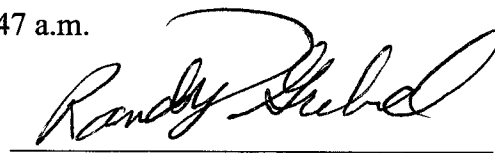
**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: ATV-UTV policy and ordinance, adverse possession of highway right-of-way, and Neosho shop replacement project update.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on January 22, 2016, in the Juneau office.

**FIELD REVIEW:** The Committee inspected a new 2016 triaxle truck chassis in the Juneau Highway shop.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

  
Harold J. Johnson – Chairman

  
Chester Caine – Vice Chairman  
Randy Grebel

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